

ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST  
**TABLE MOUNTAIN NRCA MANAGEMENT PLAN**

*Purpose of checklist:*

The State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), chapter 43.21C RCW, requires all governmental agencies to consider the environmental impacts of a proposal before making decisions. An environmental impact statement (EIS) must be prepared for all proposals with probable significant adverse impacts on the quality of the environment. The purpose of this checklist is to provide information to help you and the agency identify impacts from your proposal (and to reduce or avoid impacts from the proposal, if it can be done) and to help the agency decide whether an EIS is required.

*Instructions for applicants:*

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Governmental agencies use this checklist to determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant, requiring preparation of an EIS. Answer the questions briefly, with the most precise information known, or give the best description you can.

You must answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. In most cases, you should be able to answer the questions from your own observations or project plans without the need to hire experts. If you really do not know the answer, or if a question does not apply to your proposal, write "do not know" or "does not apply." Complete answers to the questions now may avoid unnecessary delays later.

Some questions ask about governmental regulations, such as zoning, shoreline, and landmark designations. Answer these questions if you can. If you have problems, the governmental agencies can assist you.

The checklist questions apply to all parts of your proposal, even if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different parcels of land. Attach any additional information that will help describe your proposal or its environmental effects. The agency to which you submit this checklist may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

*Use of checklist for nonproject proposals:*

Complete this checklist for nonproject proposals, even though questions may be answered "does not apply." IN ADDITION, complete the SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS (part D).

For nonproject actions, the references in the checklist to the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proposer," and "affected geographic area," respectively.

**A. BACKGROUND**

**1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:**

Table Mountain Natural Resources Conservation Area (NRCA) Management Plan

**2. Name of applicant:**

Washington Department of Natural Resources, Natural Areas Program

**3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:**

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**4. Date checklist prepared:** February 28, 2006

**5. Agency requesting checklist:**

Washington Department of Natural Resources

**6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):**

The Management Plan is scheduled to be completed in spring of 2006. Final approval, in the form of a signature from the Commissioner of Public Lands, is anticipated to occur during the summer of 2006. Implementation will begin once the plan is approved. Management actions listed within the plan will be implemented as funding becomes available. The plan will be evaluated and revised as needed. The rerouting of the Eastway-Westway loop trail is anticipated to begin during the summer of 2006. The Table Mountain Road Maintenance and Abandonment Plan will be implemented before December of 2015.

**7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.**

The proposed management plan includes a proposed boundary that covers existing ownership. Private lands outside current ownership may be considered for potential future inclusion if they contribute to the management goals and improve the efficiency of land management. Any additions to current ownership will require a separate public SEPA review and will be by willing seller only.

The implementation of the Table Mountain Management Plan will include the rerouting, abandonment and reconstruction of trails that are located in areas that are prone to erosion or that threaten to negatively impact rare species, plant communities, and cultural sites.

**8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.**

The Table Mountain NRCA Site Inventory and Management Recommendations Report was written by the Natural Heritage scientists to assist with plan development. This inventory included surveys for rare flora, fauna and plant communities. Other documents which relate to this proposal include: Department of Natural Resources Final Habitat Conservation Plan, September 1997, State of Washington Natural Resources Conservation Areas Statewide Management Plan, September 1992, Forest Resources Plan, July 1992, Management Plan for the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, September 1992, and Soil Survey of Skamania County, 1990.

**9. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain.**

None known.

**10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.**

None.

**11. Give brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this page. (Lead agencies may modify this form to include additional specific information on project description.)**

The Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) manages the 2,837-acre Table Mountain Natural Resource Conservation Area, which lies in southern Skamania County. This site protects habitat for several rare species, and plant communities as well as important geological, scenic, and archeological resources. The site also provides excellent opportunities for low-impact public use, including hiking, nature viewing, and hunting.

The purpose of the Table Mountain NRCA Management Plan is to guide site-specific management and use activities towards protecting restoring and, enhancing the natural systems of the NRCA. The site is available for low-impact recreational use and outdoor environmental education. Proposed management actions are centered around public use and minimizing user impacts, re-routing trails around sensitive areas, decommissioning roads, closing spur trails, maintaining trails in good condition, and restoring native habitats in some areas.

The NRCA is primarily used by hikers and access is provided via user built trails that leave the Pacific Crest Trail. Sections of these trails are impacting or threaten to impact sensitive features while others were constructed in dangerous locations. Such trail sections will be rerouted to protect resources and improve hiker safety. The installation of interpretive

signs will be important in educating users about the purpose of the NRCA and its sensitive resources. Other low impact uses that are allowed include hunting, photography, nature viewing, environmental education, scientific study, and picnicking.

Activities that may threaten sensitive resources and are therefore prohibited include camping, the use of mechanized vehicles (including bicycles and ORVs) off roads, on trails, or on closed roads and the collection of plants, mushrooms, and firewood. Pets, pack, stock animals, and horses (except on the Pacific Crest Trail) are also not allowed.

**12. Location of the proposal.** Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including a street address, if any, and section, township, and range, if known. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range or boundaries of the site(s). Provide a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by the agency, you are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any permit applications related to this checklist.

The Table Mountain NRCA is located in southwestern Skamania County near Beacon Rock State Park and the town of Stevenson.

Township 03N, Range 07E Sections 28,29,32,33

Township 02N, Range 07E Sections 4,5,6,8,9

## B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS

### 1. Earth

a. General description of the site (circle one) ~~Flat~~, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other.

b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?

The site has numerous steep slopes including cliff faces, which are nearly vertical. Hiking trails near the summit cross slopes that approach 60% incline.

c. What general types of soils are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them and note any prime farmland.

Aschoff very gravelly loam  
Rock outcrop rubble land complex  
Steever stony clay loam 2-30% slope  
Steever stony clay- rock outcrop complex, 30-60% slope  
Typic Dystrandepts  
Xerotherts Rock outcrop complex, 50-90% slope  
Yalelake sandy loam  
Zygore gravelly loam  
Zygore

d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.

Yes, Table Mountain NRCA includes a large portion of the Cascade Landslide Complex, which is one of the largest landslides in the Pacific Northwest. Some slopes along the cliff faces are still unstable.

e. Describe the purpose, type, and approximate quantities of any filling or grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.

There are no specific recommendations for any filling or grading, however there will be some movement of soil attributed to hiking trail maintenance or re-routing needed to protect the natural systems of the site. Fill quantities will be minimal; in scale with 2 foot wide hiking trails.

**f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.**

Any erosion from construction or hiking trails will be insignificant. Where potential for erosion exists, trails will be located and constructed following standards designed to prevent erosion.

**g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?**

There is no impervious cover on the site. All roads are unpaved forest roads. No impervious cover is planned.

**h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any:**

Trails currently located in areas prone to erosion will be relocated or reconstructed. New trail construction will follow standards developed to prevent erosion and include erosion control devices such as: waterbars, culverts and outsloping. Re-vegetation techniques using native vegetation will also be used.

**2. Air****a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal (i.e., dust, automobile, odors, industrial wood smoke) during construction and when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.**

Limited emissions may occur from automobiles used for management purposes. Agency vehicles may be used for management purposes approximately 2-3 times per month.

**b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.**

No

**c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any:**

None

**3. Water****a. Surface:****1) Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into.**

There are 3-4 small permanent unnamed lakes in the southern portion of the NRCA.  
Greenleaf creek and associated unnamed tributaries flows through the center of the NRCA.

**2) Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans.**

No

**3) Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material.**

Does not apply.

**4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.**

No.

**5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan.**

No.

**6) Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge.**

No.

**b. Ground:**

**1) Will ground water be withdrawn, or will water be discharged to ground water? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.**

No.

**2) Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (for example: Domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals. . . ; agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve.**

Does not apply.

**c. Water runoff (including stormwater):**

**1) Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe.**

Run-off will occur from rain and snowmelt and will flow into several naturally occurring streams.

**2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.**

No

**d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water impacts, if any:**

Does not apply

**4. Plants**

**a. Check or circle types of vegetation found on the site:**

- ☒ deciduous tree: Red and Sitka alder, big leaf maple, black cottonwood, bitter cherry, aspen, other.
- ☒ evergreen tree: Douglas fir, western redcedar, western hemlock, noble fir, grand fir, pine, other
- ☒ shrubs: Vine maple, cascara, serviceberry, beaked hazel, blue elderberry, thimbleberry, salal, salmonberry other.
- ☒ grass: Various types
- ☐ pasture
- ☐ crop or grain
- ☒ wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other
- ☐ water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other
- ☐ other types of vegetation

The vegetation of Table Mountain NRCA is a diverse mixture of forests, tall shrub communities, grassy balds, and sparsely vegetated

rocky areas. Douglas fir, western hemlock, western redcedar, and red alder dominate the overstory while salal, vine maple, beaked hazel, and salmonberry are dominant understory plants.

Rare plant species known from Table Mountain NRCA include: Howell's Daisy (*Erigeron howellii*), and Douglas' Silene (*Silene douglasii* var. *monantha*). Rare plant communities include: Red Fescue Montane Herbaceous Vegetation, Douglas-Fir/Oceanspray, and Western Redcedar -Western Hemlock/Skunk cabbage.

**b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?**

Limited amounts of vegetation may need to be removed for trail re-routing, however, abandoned trails will be restored using native plants. Any disturbance to vegetation would be done for the sake of minimizing overall impacts to the site. There is no proposed net loss of vegetation.

**c. List threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site.**

None.

**d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any:**

A key management objective for this site is to preserve or enhance native vegetation. All restoration projects will involve the use of native vegetation and/or will use native site-collected seed.

**5. Animals**

**a. Circle any birds and animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site:**

**birds:** hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, **other:** olive-sided flycatcher, Vaux's swift, northern spotted owl, pileated woodpecker, osprey, peregrine falcon, and golden and bald eagle.

**mammals:** deer, bear, elk, beaver, **other:** pika, mountain lion.

**fish:** bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, **other:** Cascade torrent salamander, tailed frog, Larch Mountain salamander, Cope's giant salamander.

**b. List any threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site.**

Northern Spotted Owl (*Strix occidentalis caurina*)

Peregrine Falcon (*Falco peregrinus*)

Chum Salmon (not on NRCA, spawn in Greenleaf Creek)

Bald Eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*)

Other animal species of concern include olive-sided flycatcher, Vaux's swift, pileated woodpecker, Larch Mountain salamander, Cascade torrent salamander, Cope's giant salamander, and tailed frog.

**c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.**

Yes, the NRCA lies within the Pacific flyway. Songbirds and raptors primarily use it as resting and feeding habitat during migration, however several long distance migrants are known to breed on the NRCA.

**d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any:**

One of the primary purposes of the proposal is to protect and enhance wildlife habitat. Sensitive wildlife habitat is delineated and public use development is limited in these areas.

**6. Energy and natural resources**

- a. What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc.

Does not apply.

- b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe.

No.

- c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any:

Does not apply.

## 7. Environmental health

- a. Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste that could occur as a result of this proposal? If so, describe.

No.

### 1) Describe special emergency services that might be required.

None.

### 2) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any:

Does not apply.

## b. Noise

- 1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)?

Does not apply.

- 2) What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or a long-term basis (for example: traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from the site.

Does not apply.

### 3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:

None.

## 8. Land and shoreline use

- a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties?

Currently the site is used for conservation purposes and outdoor recreation (hiking, nature study, and hunting).

### Adjacent Properties:

U.S. Forest Service – land is managed as one of the following categories; roadless area; protection of scenic values, recreational trails, protection of watershed values, and maintenance of fish and wildlife habitat; or late successional old-growth habitat.

WA Department of Natural Resources Trust Land – forest management activities including timber harvest.  
WA State Parks – dispersed recreation and natural forest processes.  
Private parcels – timber harvest and rock mining.

**b. Has the site been used for agriculture? If so, describe.**

No

**c. Describe any structures on the site.**

There is an old U.S.F.S fire lookout on Greenleaf Peak.

**d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?**

No

**e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?**

Long-term forestry. This zone provides for the development and use of forestland for the production of forest products and includes land designated for conservation.

**f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?**

Long-term forestry.

**g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?**

Does not apply.

**h. Has any part of the site been classified as an "environmentally sensitive" area? If so, specify.**

Yes, the site contains several sensitive plant communities and rare species. Table Mountain NRCA's sensitive areas include cliffs, montane balds, wetlands, riparian areas, aquatic habitats, erosive soils and unstable slopes, talus occupied by Larch Mountain salamander, areas with the presence of, or habitat for, threatened or endangered species, and areas with cultural and historic resources.

**i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?**

None.

**j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?**

None.

**k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any:**

Does not apply.

**l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any:**

Beacon Rock State Park Land management goals and objectives of the proposal are similar to those of Beacon Rock State Park; conserve natural processes and provide opportunities for recreational hiking.



**USES** The proposal does not conflict with the management of adjacent USFS land as outlined in the Management Plan for the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area of September 1992. The majority of the USFS land adjacent to the NRCA is designated as proposed road-less area and not managed for timber harvest thus similar to the management of the NRCA. A small percentage of USFS land adjacent to the NRCA is managed under standards and guidelines that permit developed recreation use and provide protection for watershed values and fish and wildlife habitat.

**DNR Trust Land** The proposal does not conflict with land use designated for DNR trust lands. The NRCA provides nesting, roosting and foraging habitat for northern spotted owl, and bald eagle (threatened or endangered species). It is expected that the NRCA will continue to provide this habitat into the future and it will continue to be used to meet requirements outlined in the department's Habitat Conservation Plan of September 1992. The plan is also compatible with the Forest Resource plan of July 1992. Trust land managers were consulted during the development of the proposed NRCA boundary and found the proposed boundary to be compatible with their land use plans.

In addition DNR staff brought together members of recreational groups to discuss the management of trails, specifically how to best reroute trails that traverse sensitive or dangerous areas.

## 9. Housing

- a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

Does not apply.

- b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

Does not apply.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any:

Does not apply.

## 10. Aesthetics

- a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?

Information signs (6-8 feet) are the tallest proposed structures. A specific height is not required, however they should be designed to fit a pedestrian scale and situated to compliment and blend with the natural setting.

- b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?

None.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any:

The proposal stipulates that proposed information sign structures will be designed and situated to compliment and blend with the natural setting.

## 11. Light and glare

- a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?

None.

**b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?**

No.

**c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?**

None.

**d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any:**

Does not apply.

**12. Recreation****a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?**

On site, there are approximately five miles of trails including a 1.8-mile stretch of the Pacific Crest Trail. In the vicinity, there are hiking trails and campsites at Beacon Rock State Park. The Pacific Crest Trail also continues through adjacent U.S. Forest Service, WA DNR and private lands adjacent to the site.

**b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.**

Traditional low-impact uses such as hiking, nature viewing and hunting are permitted according to this proposal. However, all public use will be reviewed and assessed to monitor their impact on natural features. Limitations on public use may be implemented to protect sensitive resources from negative impacts in accordance with the NRCA Act. The management plan proposes the rerouting of trails in sensitive areas to areas that are less sensitive; however there should be no net loss of trails.

**c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:**

The primary objective of the proposal is to protect, restore or enhance natural systems. Low-impact recreation and outdoor environmental education (such as hiking, camping, fishing and nature study) will be accommodated as long as they do not adversely impact the natural elements and systems of the site.

**13. Historic and cultural preservation****a. Are there any places or objects listed on, or proposed for, national, state, or local preservation registers known to be on or next to the site? If so, generally describe.**

Yes, there are several cultural sites on the NRCA that are registered with the Office of Historic and Archaeological Preservation. The DNR has worked with and will continue work with local tribes to document and protect Native American Archaeological sites.

**b. Generally describe any landmarks or evidence of historic, archaeological, scientific, or cultural importance known to be on or next to the site.**

The site also contains evidence historic logging and an old U.S.F.S. fire lookout.

**c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts, if any:**

All public access will be directed away from the sensitive archeological and historic sites.

**14. Transportation**

- a. **Identify public streets and highways serving the site, and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any.**

The site is accessed from the south via the Pacific Crest Trail starting near the Bridge of the Gods along Highway 14. The site can also be accessed from the north via the Pacific Crest Trail starting near Three Corner Rock.

- b. **Is site currently served by public transit? If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?**

No

- c. **How many parking spaces would the completed project have? How many would the project eliminate?**

None

- d. **Will the proposal require any new roads or streets, or improvements to existing roads or streets, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).**

No

- e. **Will the project use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.**

No

- f. **How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur.**

No change from current management. The number of visitors is unknown, however peak volumes occur in the spring and summer and as the populations of surrounding areas increase use of the site will most likely increase.

- g. **Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any:**

None.

## 15. Public services

- a. **Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe.**

No.

- b. **Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any.**

Does not apply.

## 16. Utilities

- a. **Circle utilities currently available at the site: electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system, other.**

None.

- b. Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed.**

None.

**C. SIGNATURE**

The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.

Signature: Carlo M. Elmer

Date Submitted: 3/20/2006

**D. SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS**

(do not use this sheet for project actions)

Because these questions are very general, it may be helpful to read them in conjunction with the list of the elements of the environment.

When answering these questions, be aware of the extent the proposal, or the types of activities likely to result from the proposal, would affect the item at a greater intensity or at a faster rate than if the proposal were not implemented. Respond briefly and in general terms.

**1. How would the proposal be likely to increase discharge to water; emissions to air; production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise?**

Such increases are very unlikely.

**Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:**

None will be necessary.

**2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life?**

The purpose of the proposal is to protect, enhance or restore natural elements or systems. The proposal is likely to have positive affects on plants and animals.

**Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish, or marine life are:**

Public use will be directed away from threatened and endangered species and associated habitats.

**3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources?**

The purpose of the proposal is to protect natural resources.

**Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are:**

The purpose of the proposal is to protect natural resources. The NRCA will be managed to protect wildlife habitat, rare plants, rare plant communities and travel corridors, geologic features, cultural sites, scenic views, and the generally undeveloped character of the site. The removal or alteration of vegetation, soil, rock, except as part of weed control, habitat restoration projects or tribal use, is not allowed. Management objectives are focused on minimizing visitor impacts to sensitive and rare features and ecosystems.

**4. How would the proposal be likely to use or affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated (or eligible or under study) for governmental protection; such as parks, wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, threatened or endangered species habitat, historic or cultural sites, wetlands, floodplains, or prime farmlands?**

Same as above.

**Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are:**

Same as above.

**5. How would the proposal be likely to affect land and shoreline use, including whether it would allow or encourage land or shoreline uses incompatible with existing plans?**

The proposal is consistent with existing plans.

**Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are:**

None necessary.

**6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities?**

Very unlikely.

**Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are:**

Does not apply.

**7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.**

The purpose of the proposal is to protect the environment, thus it is meant to fully comply with all environmental laws and habitat conservation plans (NRCA Act, RCW 79.71).